

A close-up, high-contrast photograph of a tiger's face, showing its orange and black stripes, white whiskers, and intense blue eyes. The tiger is looking slightly to the right. The background is dark and out of focus.

EVENTS

at
PHILADELPHIA ZOO

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EVENING EVENTS

• Prices valid as of February 1, 2026 •

Philadelphia Zoo, home to over 1,900 rare animals in 42 acres of Victorian gardens, provides a stunning venue for special events. Guests can enjoy cocktails amidst vibrant birds, dine near great apes, and celebrate with exotic big cats. The Zoo offers various settings, including a LEED-certified building with educational exhibits, glass displays for close animal encounters, and outdoor plazas with scenic views and fountains.

Hosting your event at Philadelphia Zoo means so much more than just the memories you'll make; every event directly supports our mission to connect people with wildlife! As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, your contribution goes far beyond Philadelphia to every region where we are working to save wildlife.

Contact events@phillyzoo.org to learn more about our offerings and schedule a tour of this unique Philadelphia venue!

CHOOSE FROM ONE OF OUR EXCITING VENUES

Evening rentals come with exclusive access to a private venue from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., complimentary parking in designated secure lots, and dedicated event hosts to ensure everything runs smoothly.

PECO PRIMATE RESERVE

With engaging exhibits and a versatile layout, this venue offers endless opportunities for your custom event. Guests will dine amongst great apes and spirited small primates, including majestic silverback gorillas and frolicking lemurs. And in fair weather, the venue's boardwalk entry makes for a welcoming cocktail hour location. PECO Primate Reserve is truly like no other venue in the city.

Capacity Cocktail-style/200 guests • Sit-down/150 guests
Rental Fee \$8,000

RARE ANIMAL CONSERVATION CENTER AND IMPALA PLAZA

The Rare Animal Conservation Center is home to some of the Zoo's most exotic and endangered animals and is one of the Zoo's most popular event venues. Adjacent to the Conservation Center Impala Plaza features a grand fountain with a backdrop of mature trees and is surrounded by Zoo360® animal trails.

Rental of Rare Animal Conservation Center includes use of Impala Plaza (weather permitting) for cocktail hour.

Rare Animal Conservation Center Capacity Cocktail-style/200 guests • Sit-down/160 guests
Impala Plaza Capacity Cocktail-style/250 guests
Rental Fee \$7,500

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BIG CAT FALLS

Big Cat Falls is home to big cats from around the world, including beautiful African lions, snow leopards and rare Amur tigers.

This indoor/outdoor exhibit is perfect for a strolling cocktail hour or an intimate seated dinner during warmer months.

This venue is only available May through September.



Capacity	Cocktail-style/120 guests • Sit-down/40 guests
Rental Fee	\$4,500

KIDZOOU: HAMILTON FAMILY CHILDRENS ZOO & FARIS FAMILY EDUCATION CENTER

Delight kids of all ages at your next celebration at KidZooU! This LEED Gold-certified building has incredible indoor galleries and gorgeous outdoor vistas housing heritage breeds of goats, lambs, and many more. This is the perfect venue for hosting a "green event" and highlighting your dedication to conservation!



Capacity	Cocktail-style/100 guests • Sit-down/60 guests
Rental Fee	\$3,000

McNEIL AVIAN CENTER

Birds of a feather party together. The neoclassical Bird House features an original historical facade, countered by a state-of-the-art interior filled with colorful exhibits full of sights and sounds. Step outside onto McNeil Patio and continue the soiree overlooking beautiful vistas of Bird Lake. This venue is only available May through September.



McNeil Avian Center Capacity	Cocktail-style/75 guests • Sit-down/40 guests
Patio Capacity	Cocktail-style/100 guests • Sit-down/80 guests
Rental Fee	\$3,000

WANT DOUBLE THE FUN?

Perhaps you're having a difficult time selecting your favorite animals?

Philadelphia Zoo has the solution for you, and discounts too! Combination rental packages are popular with event guests because they have the opportunity to see more of America's first zoo. Start your event with a cocktail reception in one location and finish the evening with a delicious dinner surrounded by another incredible animal experience.

*When selecting two or more venues for your event, a **15% discount** will be applied to the venue rental fees.*

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Along with fascinating animal encounters with wildlife from around the globe, Philadelphia Zoo offers countless entertainment options to make your special event unforgettable. Please inquire for availability and additional options.

DJ (three-hour rental) \$1,000

For party animals that love to dance and fete together, a DJ is the perfect choice to provide a wide variety of musical selections throughout the evening.

Access to ZooShop \$250 per location*

Allow your guests the opportunity to purchase a Philadelphia Zoo souvenir from our gift shops!

**If guests spend more than \$500 per location, this fee will be waived.*

Philadelphia Zoo Photo Booth Rental \$450 per booth

Whether you're celebrating a special occasion or just having a wild time with family and friends, our photobooth is the perfect way to create lasting memories.

**customized frame with logo available.*

Face Painting \$350*

Add flair and color to your party and your guests with custom face painting!

• Face paint artists can complete twenty small designs per hour. •

**price based on one artist for two hours*

Caricatures \$350*

Treat your guests to custom art mementos that capture the fun and memories from a fabulous Zoo event!

• Caricature artists can complete eight color designs or twenty black and white designs per hour. •

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Speak with your event planner about these and other additions that will make your Zoo event fun and memorable for guests!

EVENING ATTRACTIONS TICKETS

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Wild Explorer Virtual Reality\$500 Rental plus \$8 per rider

Explore the ocean's depths, soar above the plains of Africa, and trek deep into the forest—all from the comfort of Philadelphia Zoo! Wild Explorer Virtual Reality is a 360° visual experience with a motion seat, an immersive VR headset, and audio.

Explore the wonders of wildlife like never before in this brand-new attraction, available now!

Guests must be at least 35" tall and fit the headset for this experience.

Children ages 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Amazon Rainforest Carousel\$500

Riders of all ages will be treated to sounds of the Amazon, while gliding along on animals such as jaguars and anacondas right outside the Zoo's historic Treehouse building!

SEPTA® PZ Express Kiddie Train\$500

Your youngest event guests can enjoy a quaint ride on our very own SEPTA PZ Express Kiddie Train, a charming reminder of the Zoo's Victorian heritage.



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